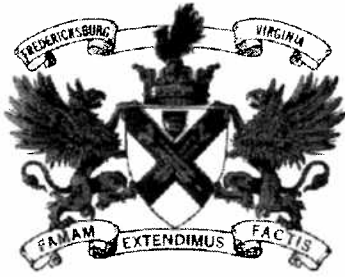


*approved as
submitted 4/13/09
sdw*



MINUTES ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

March 9, 2009

7:30 P.M.

City Hall, Council Chambers
Fredericksburg, Virginia

| <u>MEMBERS</u> | <u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> | <u>CITY STAFF</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Robin Wood, Vice Chair | Owen Lindauer, Chair | Erik Nelson, Senior Planner |
| Lisa Peverill | Vernon Danielsen | Sheree Waddy, Recording Secretary |
| Barry Waldman | | |
| Donna Chasen | | |

Ms. Wood called the Architectural Review Board to order at 7:30 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS

Ms. Wood determined that a quorum was present. Mr. Nelson stated that public notice requirements had been met.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Wood asked if there were additional items for the agenda.

Mr. Waldman asked to add under Other Business Item 4 – Update on City Council public hearing regarding expansion of the appeal process.

Ms. Chasen asked to add under Other Business Item 5 – Update on ARB membership vacancy.

Mr. Waldman made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Ms. Chasen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Ms. Wood asked if there were any changes to the February 9, 2009 meeting minutes.

Mr. Waldman made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Ms. Chasen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Wood asked if any board member had a conflict of interest or had participated in ex parte communications on any of the agenda items. No one said that they had.

APPLICATIONS – REGULAR AGENDA

1. 214 William Street (Raven Hi-Fi) – Signs

The applicant, David Minckler, was present. He said the bird on the sign would be translucent and approximately two-thirds of the size indicated in his application. He said he would like to add two stars on either side of the words “Raven Hi-Fi.”

James Lawrence, 802 Caroline Street, said that he liked to see new businesses open downtown and welcomed Mr. Minckler to the area.

Mr. Waldman asked if the lettering would be painted directly onto the entablature.

Mr. Nelson said yes and because the lettering would be painted on it did not require ARB review.

Mr. Waldman said he found the proposed signs to be architecturally compatible with the historic aspects of the Historic District and made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness with the condition that the background on the decals not be opaque and that the proposed modifications not exceed 36 square feet. Ms. Chasen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2. 1200 Princess Anne Street (Kenmore Inn) – Sign

The applicant, represented by Marion Craig, was present.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Waldman asked if the bracket for the free standing sign would be reused.

Mr. Nelson said the bracket would be reused. He said only the panel would be replaced and it would remain the same size.

Mr. Waldman said he found the proposed signs to be architecturally compatible with the historic aspects of the Historic District and made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness with the condition that MDO board or a wood product be used for the panel. Ms. Chasen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. 521 and 523 Sophia Street (Battlefield Industrial Park, LLC) – Exterior alterations

The applicant, represented by Lee Cherwek, was present.

James Lawrence, 802 Caroline Street, said he hoped the applicant would make sure the appropriate mortar mix would be used to repoint the chimneys.

Mr. Waldman said that the ARB had previously reviewed and approved the application. He said Mr. Lawrence made a good observation—the mix of historic mortar with modern mortar has a tendency to facilitate damage. He hoped the applicant would keep that mind.

Mr. Waldman said he found the proposed exterior alterations to be architecturally compatible with the historic aspects of the Historic District and made a motion to reissue the Certificate of Appropriateness. Ms. Chasen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cherwek noted that they were seeking tax credits on this project and would be using the period specific mortar.

4. 1205 Prince Edward Street (Coleman and Lynda Starnes) – Exterior alterations

The applicants were present.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Waldman asked if the siding on the main house and addition was wood.

Mr. Starnes said yes.

Mr. Waldman noted that only a small portion of the proposed alterations would be visible from the public right-of-way. He said that many of the details would be identical to what was existing and encouraged the applicant to use slightly different details in some areas to help differentiate the historic structure from the new.

Ms. Peverill said she found the proposed exterior alterations to be architecturally compatible with the historic aspects of the Historic District and made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness. Ms. Chasen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

1. Planning Commission agenda – Mr. Nelson said there were no items related to the Historic District on the agenda.
2. Alliance Review – Mr. Nelson transmitted the Alliance Review noting that it contained information regarding fences and walls.
3. Consideration of a policy for new materials – Mr. Nelson said that the City Council and Board have had differing views on the use of new materials. He suggested scheduling a work session to discuss a policy for new materials. The Board agreed and said the session should be scheduled after the vacancy on the Board is filled.
4. Update on City Council public hearing regarding expanding the appeal process – Mr. Nelson said the City Council tabled this item, although it appears they want the expanded appeal

process. Ms. Chasen asked if Economic Development Authority had weighed in on this because this could have an effect on new business. Mr. Nelson said he was not sure. Mr. Nelson said that he did not know when Council would take action or whether they would provide for another public hearing if the proposed amendment is significantly different from what was brought forward previously.

5. Update on ARB membership – Mr. Nelson said that there were three applicants for the Board, but he did not know when the Council would start interviews. He said he would keep the Board informed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01p.m.

Robin Wood, Vice Chair